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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ATTACK ON LIBERTY

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1. QUITE APART FROM NEWSWEEK PERISCOPE ITEM, SECRETARY'S COMMENTS TO BROSIO AND SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTERS AT LUXEMBOURG ABOUT ISRAELI FOREKNOWLEDGE THAT LIBERTY WAS A US SHIP PIQUED A GREAT DEAL OF CURIOSITY AMONG NATO DELEGATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW MUCH OF THIS CURIOSITY I CAN SATISFY, AND WHEN.

2. IN PARTICULAR, PERHAPS I SHOULD INFORM NAC OF RESULTS US BOARD OF INQUIRY IF SCHEDULE PERMITS THIS TO BE DONE BEFORE IT GETS INTO NEWSPAPERS.

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